

PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

A SIX-MONTH PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS THAT WAS DE-
CLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13219 OF JUNE 26, 2001, PURSU-
ANT TO 50 U.S.C. 1641(c) AND 50 U.S.C. 1703(c)



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, December 28, 2001.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001.

Sincerely,

GEORGE W. BUSH.

PRESIDENT'S PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH
RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS

I hereby report to the Congress on developments over the course of the past 6 months concerning the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, in response to the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting, (i) extremist violence in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, in Kosovo, that threaten the peace in or diminish the security and stability of those areas and the wider region, or undermine the authority, efforts, and objectives of the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and other international organizations and entities, including United States military forces and Government officials. This report is submitted pursuant to section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c).

1. Since the issuance of Executive Order 13219, the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has administered the Western Balkans sanctions. OFAC is disseminating details of this program to the financial, securities, and international trade communities by both electronic and conventional media. On November 28, 2001, OFAC designated two additional organizations, the Albanian National Army and the National Committee for the Liberation and Protection of Albanian Lands, as subject to the prohibitions applicable under the Executive Order. A *Federal Register* notice announcing corresponding amendments to Appendix A to 31 C.F.R. chapter V will be published in the near future. In addition, OFAC is currently promulgating regulations to implement Executive Order 13219.

In the 6-month period since June 27, 2001, OFAC has issued no specific licenses authorizing transactions otherwise prohibited by Executive Order, and has neither assessed nor collected any civil monetary penalty for a violation of the prohibitions contained in the Executive Order.

2. The expenses incurred by the Federal Government in the 6-month period from June 27, 2001, that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of a national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans, are estimated at approximately \$90,000, most of which represent wage and salary costs for Federal personnel. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury (particularly in the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the Office of the Under Secretary for Enforcement, and the Office of the General Counsel) and the Department of State.

3. The situation in the Western Balkans continues to present an extraordinary and unusual threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. I shall continue to exercise the powers at my disposal to deal with this threat and will report periodically to the Congress on significant developments.

